

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. - 8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A standardized prion preparation, comprising:
prions obtained from a plurality of transgenic mouse brains; and
a carrier;
wherein the preparation comprises prions (a) which infect and cause disease in an animal
chosen from a human, a cow, and a sheep, (b) which are prions of a known strain, (c) the prions are
present in a known number of infectious units, and further wherein the carrier is different from brain
tissue of the animal chosen from a human, a cow and a sheep;
wherein the prions are uniformly dispersed in the preparation and are produced in a transgenic
mouse selected from the group consisting of: Tg(HuPrP)/Prnp^{0/0}, Tg(ShePrP)/Prnp^{0/0}, and
Tg(BovPrP)/Prnp^{0/0}.

10. (Currently Amended) The preparation of claim 1-9, produced in a transgenic mouse
which is Tg(MHu2M)/Prnp^{0/0}.

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33. (Previously Presented) A standardized prion preparation, comprising:
prions obtained from a plurality of mice which are Tg (BovPrP)Prnp^{0/0}; and
a carrier;
wherein the prions are present in a known number of infectious units infect and cause
disease in a cow and are prions of a known strain.

34. (Canceled)